SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, we have requested the State Governments to tighten up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Madhavarao Scindia, you have committed a grave error by crossing between the speaker and the Chair. You will apologise now the system.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RALWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): I apologise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Half a minute more Will the Minister answer? Have you answered?

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: I had answered, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You had.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: We shall..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Poor handling of Traffic by the Calcutta Air Port

*346. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 451 is given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1985 and to state the factors responsible or the poor performance of the Calcutta airport in handling the traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Calcutta airport is fully equipped for handling international traffic like three other international airports Technological advancement in the international aviation industry, enabling thereby the aircraft to overfly India or to make only one traffic call, originating of a substantial percentage of international traffic from the Southern and Northern Regions of the country destined for Gulf, and profile of traffic growth are the factors, broadly, responsible for the decline of Calcutta airport as a point of call.

Reservation for women in public Employments

@@*347. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: SHRI KALP NATH RAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Federation of Women Lawyers at their 10th biennial conference adopted a resolution asking for reservation for women in all public employments;

(b) if so, what are the details of the resolution;

(c) what action Government propose to take thereon; and

(d) what is the percentage of the total female population engaged in public employment at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The resolution calls upon the Government to give reservation to the extent of at least 30 per cent to women.

(c) The Government is not in favour of making reservation for women in public employment.

(d) Exact information is not available. However, the percentage of Central Government women employees as on 31st March, 1981 was 3.64.

Workshop on National Book Policy

*348. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a three-day workshop to evolve a national book policy was held in February, 1986;

@@Previously Starred Question 287 transferred from the 14th March, 1986

(b) whether liberalisation in the quasi-monopoly enjoyed by Government controlled agencies on text-books for primary school children was strongly advocated at the conference;

(c) if so, what were the other subjects discussed and whether any recommendations had been made; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) National Book Development Council has set up a Working Group to draft National Book Policy. The Working Group has prepared a draft for National Book Policy, which was discussed in a workshop held at New Delhi from 15th to 17th February, 1986.

(b) to (d) The National Book Developmen t Council which organised this workshop has not finalised its recommendations.

World Book Fair

*349. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Times of India" on 19th February, 1986 where in it has been stated that the Seventh World Book Fair held in New Delhi was a big failure; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) The Government does not agree with the view that the Seventh World Book Fair held in New Delhi was a failure. The number of Indian and Foreign Publishers who paricipated in the Fair and the number of visitors to the Seventh World Book Fair was more than in the Sixth World Book Fair.

Memoirandum Regarding Train Services in the Bhavnagar Division

*350. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a detailed memorandum regarding six issues relating to long distance trains, inter city trains, Saurashtra Mail Okha-Viramgam shuttle timings, Rajkot-Veraval-Vansajalia train and diesel engines for local trains etc. of the Bhavnagar Division of the Western Railways have been received in February, 1986 by the Western Railways authorities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) *Yes, Sir.*

(b) and (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.